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310-Limo, Inc., Opposer)
V.) Opposition No. 91/161,940
UAL Loyalty Services, Inc., Applicant.)

APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION REGARDING APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 78/234,815

Commissioner for Trademarks Box 1451 Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

In the Matter of Serial No. 78/234,815 For the Mark: CRUISE4MILES

Applicant UAL Loyalty Services, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, hereby answers the Notice of Opposition filed by Opposer 310-Limo, Inc. (hereinafter "Opposer") regarding application Serial No. 78/234,815 for the mark CRUISE4MILES.

The allegations of the Notice of Opposition are repeated in single space, followed by Applicant's response.

PARAGRAPH 1:

Opposer was the first to use the mark CRUISE4MILES, having used it in connection with starting a business for trading airline miles as a credit for other forms of travel at least as early as 1999.

ANSWER TO PARAGRAPH 1:

Applicant is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 1, and therefore denies those allegations.

PARAGRAPH 1(a):

In connection with such use, Opposer registered the domain name www.cruise4miles.com with Network Solutions on or before April 25, 1999, and continued to own such domain name as of April 25, 2000.

ANSWER TO PARAGRAPH 1(a):

Applicant is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 1(a), and therefore denies those allegations.

PARAGRAPH 1(b)

By some method. Applicant managed to acquire Opposer's domain name, altegedly on April 26, 2000, either as a result of an error by Network Solutions, or before expiration of the typical grace period allowed by the domain name registrar for domain registrants to renew their registration.

ANSWER TO PARAGRAPH 1(b):

Applicant admits that it owns the domain name cruise4miles.com. Applicant is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 1(b), and therefore denies those allegations.

PARAGRAPH 2:

In the alternative, Opposer alleges that the mark "CRUISE4MILES" is descriptive of a service offering a cruise for (redemption of) miles, or miles for (taking) a cruise. In Applicant's own words: "Cruise 4 miles is an official United travel partner offering United

Mileage Plus ® customers the opportunity to redeem miles to purchase cruise vacations, or earn miles for taking a cruise." (See Exhibit A attached hereto)

ANSWER TO PARAGRAPH 2:

Denied.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM

 Paragraphs 1-1(b) of Opposer's Notice of Opposition fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

WHEREFORE, Applicant denies that Opposer is entitled to any relief and requests that the opposition be dismissed with prejudice.

Dated: October 12, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing

APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION REGARDING

APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 78/234,815 was served on Opposer on this 12th day of

October, 2004, by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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